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Mr. Scott A. Francis, Reports Analyst
Federal Election Commission
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RE: Arkansas Democratic Party July Quarterly Report (4/1/98-6/30/98)
Identification Number C00024372

Dear Mr. Francis:

I am in receipt of the above-referenced letter from the Commission, which questioned the Arkansas Democratic Party's contributions to Rep. Judy Smith. Smith is a candidate for the United States Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Arkansas.

Your letter states that our contribution to Ms. Smith's campaign possibly exceeds the limits imposed by 2 U.S.C. § 441(a)(a). This statement is incorrect. Please note that the initial donation to Ms. Smith's campaign was made on April 22, 1998 (primary election period), while the second donation was made on June 29th, 1998 (general election period). As you state in your letter, the \$5,000 limit is per election. Since the Arkansas Democratic Party's donations are for two separate election cycles, no impropriety exists.

Also, please note for your records that Jim Pledger is no longer our Treasurer. Please direct further correspondence to Mr. Ron Oliver.

Should you have any further questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Glen Hooks, Executive Director
Democratic Party of Arkansas

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